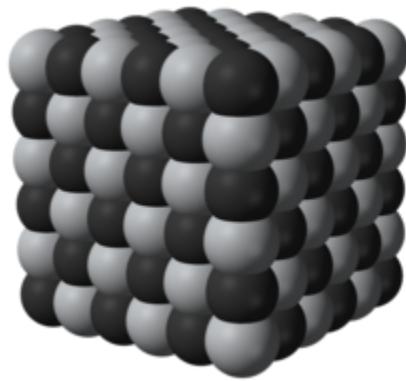


# *Titanium carbide*

**Titanium carbide**,  $\text{TiC}$ , is an extremely **hard** (Mohs 9–9.5) **refractory ceramic** material, similar to tungsten carbide. It has the appearance of black powder with the **sodium chloride (face-centered cubic) crystal structure**.

## Titanium carbide



### Names

#### IUPAC name

titanium carbide

#### Other names

titanium(IV) carbide

### Identifiers

CAS Number	<a href="https://commonchemistry.cas.org/detail?cas_rn=12070-08-5">12070-08-5</a> (https://commonchemistry.cas.org/detail?cas_rn=12070-08-5) ✓
3D model ( <a href="#">JSmol</a> )	<a href="https://chemapps.stolaf.edu/jmol/jmol.php?model=%5BTi%2B%5D%23%5BC-%5D">Interactive image</a> (https://chemapps.stolaf.edu/jmol/jmol.php?model=%5BTi%2B%5D%23%5BC-%5D)
ECHA InfoCard	<a href="https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.031.916">100.031.916</a> (https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.031.916)
PubChem <a href="#">CID</a>	<a href="https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/4226345">4226345</a> (https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/4226345)
UNII	<a href="https://fdasis.nlm.nih.gov/srs/srsdirect.jsp?regno=7SHTGW5HBI">7SHTGW5HBI</a> (https://fdasis.nlm.nih.gov/srs/srsdirect.jsp?regno=7SHTGW5HBI) ✓
CompTox Dashboard ( <a href="#">EPA</a> )	<a href="https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/chemical/details/DTXSID10583531">DTXSID10583531</a> (https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/chemical/details/DTXSID10583531)

#### InChI

InChI=1S/C.Ti/q-1;+1

#### SMILES

[Ti+]\#[C-]

Properties	
Chemical formula	TiC
Molar mass	59.89 g/mol
Appearance	black powder
Density	4.93 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Melting point	3,160 °C (5,720 °F; 3,430 K)
Boiling point	4,820 °C (8,710 °F; 5,090 K)
Solubility in water	insoluble in <a href="#">water</a>
Magnetic susceptibility (χ)	+8.0·10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>3</sup> /mol
Structure	
Crystal structure	Cubic, cF8
Space group	Fm $\bar{3}$ m, No. 225
Coordination geometry	Octahedral
Except where otherwise noted, data are given for materials in their <a href="#">standard state</a> (at 25 °C [77 °F], 100 kPa).	
<span style="color: red;">✖</span> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:ComparePages&amp;rev1=441066916&amp;page2=Titanium+carbide">verify</a> ( <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:ComparePages&amp;rev1=441066916&amp;page2=Titanium+carbide">https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:ComparePages&amp;rev1=441066916&amp;page2=Titanium+carbide</a> ) (what is <span style="color: green;">✓</span> <span style="color: red;">✖</span> ?)	
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It occurs in nature as a form of the very rare mineral **khamrabaevite** (Russian: Хамрабаевит) - (Ti,V,Fe)C. It was discovered in 1984 on [Mount Arashan](#) in the [Chatkal District](#),<sup>[1]</sup> USSR (modern [Kyrgyzstan](#)), near the Uzbek border. The mineral was named after Ibragim Khamrabaevich Khamrabaev, director of Geology and Geophysics of [Tashkent, Uzbekistan](#). As found in nature its crystals range in size from 0.1 to 0.3mm.

## Physical properties

Titanium carbide has an [elastic modulus](#) of approximately 400 GPa and a shear modulus of 188 GPa.<sup>[2]</sup>

# Manufacturing and machining

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Tool bits without tungsten content can be made of titanium carbide in **nickel**-cobalt matrix cermet, enhancing the cutting speed, precision, and smoothness of the workpiece.

The resistance to **wear**, **corrosion**, and **oxidation** of a tungsten carbide–**cobalt** material can be increased by adding 6–30% of titanium carbide to tungsten carbide. This forms a **solid solution** that is more **brittle** and susceptible to breakage.

Titanium carbide can be **etched** with **reactive-ion etching**.

## Applications

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Titanium carbide is used in preparation of cermets, which are frequently used to **machine** **steel** materials at high cutting speed. It is also used as an abrasion-resistant surface coating on metal parts, such as **tool** **bits** and watch mechanisms.<sup>[3]</sup> Titanium carbide is also used as a **heat shield** coating for **atmospheric reentry** of **spacecraft**.<sup>[4]</sup>

**7075 aluminium alloy** (AA7075) is almost as strong as steel, but weighs one third as much. Using thin AA7075 rods with TiC nanoparticles allows larger alloys pieces to be welded without phase-segregation induced cracks.<sup>[5]</sup>

## See also

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- **Metallocarbohedyne**, a family of metal–carbon clusters including  $Ti_8C_{12}$

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